

other object through the loop and pull said latch from an open position to a closed position and vice versa.

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10. (New) A latching mechanism for a roll-up door of a storage unit comprising,
a latch plate arranged and designed for mounting on said roll-up door, said latch plate having a cut out, and a horizontal latch plate shelf,
a latch mounted on said latch plate for horizontal movement on said latch plate shelf between open and closed positions, said latch having a portion which extends through said cut out, said portion including a hole with a loop provided therein,
said loop being arranged and designed so that a disabled person can put a finger, or hand or prosthetic arm through it and move the loop horizontally without gripping it in order to move the latch between open and closed position.
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REMARKS

Original claims 1-8 have been canceled with the addition of new claims 9 and 10 in order to more clearly define applicant's invention over the cited prior art.

Claims 9 and 10 define an improved latch for a roll-up door of a storage unit. The latch is identical to prior latches for roll-up doors, i.e. overhead roll-up garage-type doors, except that a hole is provided on a latch member with a loop in it, whereby a disabled person may insert a finger, or hand or arm in the loop and move the latch from side to side between open and closed positions.

The art cited by the examiner in the June 19, 2002 Office Action does not remotely describe or suggest the invention as now defined in claims 9 and 10. First, the George reference (U.S. 540,911) does not have a loop in which a disabled person can insert an arm, finger or hand and move from side to side. George's mechanism must be gripped in order to